

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2014

Chairman Hansch called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 8:00 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Barz, M. Mihalko, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Cortright, and Township Liaison, George Coppola

At this time the Chairman read the following: Pursuant to statutes made and provided, let the minutes show that notice of this meeting was transmitted to the following newspapers: The Regional weekly and the Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman called for the acceptance of the pre-meeting minutes and the regular minutes from last month. Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to accept last month's minutes. The move was seconded by Comm. Cobane and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. Barz moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Cobane seconded the move and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - March 31, 2014	\$63,336.17
April Checks	(\$83,874.30)

Deposits for the Month of April 2014

Registration Fees	April	\$750.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms - March	\$350.00
Stephen Gould Corp	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Paulie G's Deli	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
Township of Hanover	District Taxes	\$161,333.33
State of NJ	PERS refund	\$880.00
State of NJ	PFRS	\$3,960.00

Balance on Hand, April 30, 2014 **\$146,819.20**

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand April 30, 2014

\$2,833.46

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand April 30, 2014

\$747.75

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand April 30, 2104

\$818,021.64

Provident Bank

Balance on Hand April 30, 2014

\$109,601.85

Checks Submitted this Month's Meeting

\$97,285.04

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT and COMMENTS

The following Chief's report was submitted for approval.

A motion to accept this report was made by Comm. Cobane and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It was passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Supplies were purchased from Home Depot.
- Foam was purchased for the apparatus.

Apparatus

- The upper radiator tank on Engine 81 had to be replaced it had a coolant leak.
- The fuel tank on Engine 83 was replaced due to a leak.
- I spoke to KME regarding the frame situation on Engine 83. We sent them pictures and will be waiting for a response from them.
- I received a quote for pump repairs and associated leaks to Engine 81. Parts and labor are \$6276.48. I will be getting additional quotes and will report back to you next month.

Training

- Training for the month of April we utilized one of the houses on Troy Hills Road. PSE&G came in and did a classroom presentation on natural gas safety. We conducted a Swift Water Rescue classroom session also.
- Training in May we will be attending Chubb Institute in Whitehouse Station for fire protection systems. We are also are scheduled to go up to the fire academy.

Purchases

- No purchase requests for this month.
- The portable radios and equipment have been received and will be getting programmed shortly.

Fire Prevention

- (60) Inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month. We collected \$42.00 in permit fees.

EMS

- (42) Calls were answered last month and we assisted with 2 transports.

Fire

- (40) Calls were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- The Life Insurance claim for Herman Kurz was paid. I forwarded the check to Commissioner Hansch to be delivered. Also the New Jersey State Relief Association claim was paid.
- There will be personnel meeting tomorrow night. Mike Rung will be joining as an Associate Member.
- I have given you a Resolution that needs to be passed in order for us to participate in the Morris County ID System. All of Hanover Township will be participating.
- Bayer will be having a Family Day on June 14, 2014 they asked if we could supply either an engine or an antique for photo ops.
- June 7 is the Rotary Duck Race that we have been asked to help out with.
- July 2nd is the fireworks with a rain date of the 3rd at the high school.
- We will be participating with the Substance Abuse Council with a volleyball night at the high school next Friday evening. The crew will have an engine to respond to any calls.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Audit was given to the town, the state and the newspaper. All taken care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: We will talk to the town about background checks for new members. The Chief will also speak to other departments to see how they handle this matter.

Building: Nothing at this time.

Apparatus: Engine 81 – has a few small repairs still. We have a quote of \$6200 but are still looking at other quotes. The radiator is fixed. KME has been notified about Engine 83. It also needs the generator fixed.

Insurance: Worker's Comp policy is about to be renewed. Reimbursements due for claims filed.

Dinner: Nothing at this time. All is good.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 42 calls this month and 2 transports. In the first 4 months of the year, EMS calls in Whippany have risen 25%. We still have not heard back from District #3 with any ideas. We intend to notify them by letter of our intention to get some type of EMS over here. We would like to do it through them, but if we can't resolve it, we're going to have to move forward. It may take some time to work, but we may have to initiate it ourselves.

A motion was made to draft a letter to Cedar Knolls asking for their response in this matter. The motion was made by Comm. Barz. It was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Township: George reported the following:

The School Safety Committee is busy at work. They are looking at ways to stop the speeding around the schools when picking up and dropping off and for sports events. They are looking at putting lines down and some signs to improve traffic control. They have a company that is working with them at no cost to come up with some recommendations. School Safety will now be a line item in the Police Budget also.

Memorial Day – there is a breakfast at 7:00 am, followed by a service at 8:15. Then the parade will start at 9:30. There will be transportation all day for parade-goers.

Substance Awareness and Ace Gallagher are doing a good job also. They have organized some roller skating events and are working on a volleyball game which some firemen will also participate in.

The second half of Bayer may go with Merck. They are looking at a conference center or a hotel. Nothing is definite yet.

Township is working on a sign ordinance. Political ads and Advertisers' placards are getting out of hand. You now have 14 days before an election to display signs and not before. They will be made to pick them back up afterward.

RELOCATION / FIRE COMPANY:

Fred Brunner reported that the architect has said that we are ready to go to bid. Bid notice can go in the paper on May 15th. The Pre-Bid meeting will take place on May 28th.

He also said that the company would like to use apparatus' for the Memorial Day Services. Firefighter Cook thanked the Board for the use of the apparatus for the Little league Kickoff.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to sign the Resolution for us to be a part of the County ID Program at no cost to us. The motion was made by Comm. Hansch and seconded by Comm. J. Mihalko. It passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

A motion was made to draft and sign a resolution to present to the DOT / State for a traffic controller at the corner of Troy Hills Rd and Route 10. The motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Barz and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

A motion was made to purchase 2 new Dry Suits for the Water Rescue Team. The motion was made by Comm. Hansch. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

A motion was made to allow the Fire Company to use of the apparatus' for the Memorial Day Parade. This motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and seconded by Comm. Barz. It passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

Bayer bought out Merck, which will be adding 2200 new employees in town.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

There were 6 members of the public in attendance. George asked about joining the County radio System. The Chief replied that we will on it starting June 1st and it will be a learning curve for everyone. George said he thinks we'll be happy up there.

BILLS

Comm. M. Mihalko moved that the following bills be paid. The move was seconded by Comm. Cobane and was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

04/07/2014	6513	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-8.99
04/07/2014	6514	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-187.86
04/07/2014	6515	Parker Publications	Advertising	-52.44
04/07/2014	6516	J C P & L	-SPLIT-	-598.58
04/07/2014	6517	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-98.00
04/07/2014	6518	PSE&G	Utilities	-483.00
04/07/2014	6519	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-453.24
04/11/2014	6525	Whippany Fire Company	-SPLIT-	-6,300.00
04/14/2014	6520	Robert Cobane	Operating Materials & Supplies	-50.87
04/14/2014	6521	Joseph Cortright	Operating Materials & Supplies	-26.53
04/14/2014	6522	Custom Bandag, Inc.	Engine 83	-3,225.03
04/14/2014	6523	All Jersey Garage Doors	Building Maintenance	-750.00
04/14/2014	6524	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Workers Compensation	12,844.00
04/15/2014	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,474.59
04/15/2014	eft	PFRS	Pension Expense	-8,311.03
04/21/2014	6526	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-3,397.50
04/21/2014	6527	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-397.71
04/21/2014	6528	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-19.98
04/21/2014	6529	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
04/23/2014	6530	VM Associates, Inc.	Professional Services	-5,900.00
04/23/2014	6531	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-222.64
04/23/2014	6532	PSE&G	Utilities	-193.88
04/25/2014	6533	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-462.64
04/28/2014	6534	FF1 Professional Safety Services	Helmets	-912.00
04/28/2014	6535	PC Mall Gov	Computers	-399.84
04/28/2014	6536	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-330.68
04/28/2014	6537	Cablevision	Utilities	-247.83
04/28/2014	6538	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-216.04
04/28/2014	eft	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefits	Medical Benefits	-8,311.03
04/30/2014	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	14,743.37
05/02/2014	6539	Home Depot Credit Services	Operating Materials & Supplies	-450.39
05/02/2014	6540	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-114.03
05/02/2014	6541	Fire Engineering	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-51.00
05/02/2014	6542	Fire Safety USA	Operating Materials & Supplies	-975.00
05/02/2014	6543	ACE Com	Engine 83	-758.00
05/02/2014	6544	CF Services	Engine 81	-2,669.29
05/02/2014	6545	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-20.00
05/02/2014	6546	BP	Fuel Vouchers	-807.00

05/05/2014	6547	McNeil & Company	Insurance Premiums	-5,729.00
05/09/2014	6548	Politi Auto Parts	Operating Materials & Supplies	-70.66
05/09/2014	6549	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-228.41
05/09/2014	6550	J C P & L	Utilities	-660.96
05/09/2014	6551	ACE Com	Operating Materials & Supplies	-138.50
05/09/2014	6552	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-107.02
05/09/2014	6553	Alpha Tech Consulting Services	Repairs & Maintenance	-195.00
05/09/2014	6554	Nestle Pure Life Direct	Water	-8.99
05/12/2014	6555	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	<u>-427.49</u>
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				97,285.04

At this time, Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed by the following vote;

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane & Hansch

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Gant Hammond,

Board Assistant